

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A record and playback apparatus which codes information and records said information which  
5 is coded in a recording medium, wherein:

said record and playback apparatus stores, in a predetermined management area provided in said recording medium, management information including  
10 at least one of time information <sup>at</sup> on a time when said information is coded, index information which can be assigned to a recording unit, and a backward pointer for connecting recording units in a backward direction.

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2. The record and playback apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined  
20 management area is a FAT area, and said management information is provided in said FAT area.

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3. The record and playback apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined management area storing said management information  
30 is an area provided separately from said FAT area.

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4. The record and playback apparatus as  
35 claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined management area storing said management information is an area provided separately from said FAT area,

and said predetermined management area is provided for each of said time information, said index information and said backward pointer.

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5. The record and playback apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said predetermined  
10 management area is a FAT area, and said management information is information which forms a FAT entry tag provided in said FAT area.

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6. The record and playback apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

said management information includes said  
20 time information; and

said record and playback apparatus comprises a control part which causes said record and playback apparatus to perform playback operation from a recording unit corresponding to a time  
25 specified from the outside by comparing said time with said time information.

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7. The record and playback apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

said management information includes said time information; and

35 said record and playback apparatus includes a control part which causes said record and playback apparatus to perform playback operation

including recording units corresponding to a time interval specified from the outside by comparing said time interval with said time information.

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8. The record and playback apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

10       said management information includes said index information; and

          said record and playback apparatus includes a control part which causes said record and playback apparatus to perform playback operation  
15       including a recording unit corresponding to a specified index information specified from the outside by comparing said specified index information with said index information..

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9. The record and playback apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

25       said management information includes said backward pointer; and

          said record and playback apparatus includes a control part which causes said record and playback apparatus to perform playback operation  
30       from a recording unit indicated by a specified backward pointer specified from the outside by comparing said specified backward pointer with said backward pointer.

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10. A record and playback method for coding information and recording said information which is coded in a recording medium in a record and playback apparatus, said record and playback method  
5 comprising the step of:

performing playback operation according to management information stored in a predetermined management area provided in said recording medium, said management information including at least one  
10 of time information on a time when said information  
✓ is coded, index information which can be assigned to a recording unit, and a backward pointer for connecting recording units in a backward direction.

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11. The record and playback method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said predetermined  
20 management area is a FAT area, and said management information is provided in said FAT area.

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12. The record and playback method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said predetermined management area storing said management information is an area provided separately from said FAT area.

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13. The record and playback method as  
35 claimed in claim 10, wherein said predetermined management area storing said management information is an area provided separately from said FAT area,

and said predetermined management area is provided for each of said time information, said index information and said backward pointer.

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14. The record and playback method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said predetermined management area is a FAT area, and said management information is information which forms a FAT entry tag provided in said FAT area.

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15. The record and playback method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said management information includes said time information, said record and playback method comprising the step of: controlling said record and playback apparatus to perform playback operation from a recording unit corresponding to a time specified from the outside by comparing said time with said time information.

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16. The record and playback method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said management information includes said time information; said record and playback method comprising the step of: controlling said record and playback apparatus to perform to perform playback operation including recording units corresponding to a time interval specified from the outside by comparing

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said time interval with said time information.

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17. The record and playback method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said management information includes said index information, said record and playback method comprising the step of:

10       controlling said record and playback apparatus to perform playback operation including a recording unit corresponding to a specified index information specified from the outside by comparing said specified index information with said index  
15 information.

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18. The record and playback method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said management information includes said backward pointer, said record and playback method comprising the step of:

      controlling said record and playback  
25 apparatus to perform playback operation from a recording unit indicated by a specified backward pointer specified from the outside by comparing said specified backward pointer with said backward  
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